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School News

Challenger Learning Center mission sign up is underway for the 2009-2010 school year. We look forward to our eighth year serving local school districts. Professional development for educators is an integral part of our educational program and is held every summer for new and returning teachers to the CLC. This summer we are excited to provide our teachers with even more activities to help them enhance the students' mission experience.



Outstanding Educator Award

Allyson Calhoun, science teacher at Lone Oak Middle School, was recently named the Challenger Learning Center Outstanding Educator for the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Calhoun was awarded a framed certificate of achievement and a gift certificate donated by Travis School Company. The McCracken County School



District will also receive a free mission for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Calhoun was nominated by her principal, Mr. Mike White. Mr. White stated in his nomination form that Ms. Calhoun not only supports the CLC program, but she cares about her students by making all students feel important and by making sure they strive to reach their maximum potential.

The Challenger Learning Center staff chose Ms. Calhoun because she demonstrates an active support of and participation in the CLC program. We appreciate the support that Ms. Calhoun and the McCracken County Schools have given to the Challenger Learning Center.

The Challenger Learning Center at Paducah plans to choose an Outstanding Educator each school year. Educators must be nominated by someone in a school district administrative position.

Wish List

The Challenger Learning Center accepts many types of donations. Maybe instead of giving a monetary donation you would like to give something more tangible. The following items are things the center uses on a regular basis:

- Kleenex
- Printer Cartridges (HP 78, 45, 93, 98, 56)
- Printer Paper (at least 20 lb. weight)
- Plastic forks, spoons, knives
- Post-It Notes (3 x3, yellow)

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Trivia Night

After an ice storm delay, the Challenger Learning Center at Paducah held its third annual Trivia Night on March 27. The night included ten rounds of trivia for a total of 100 questions. Thirty tables competed for first, second and third place prizes. A silent auction with items such as massages, facials and dinner baskets was also held. The evening brought in over \$3600 in profit. Be on the lookout for information about next year's Trivia Night. It is never too early to study!



DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ July 20, 2009 will mark the 40th anniversary of the first moonwalk. The crew of Apollo 11 consisted of three astronauts: Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin who landed on the moon and Michael Collins who stayed in the Command Module.

⇒ On Christmas Eve 1968, the Apollo 8 crew of Jim Lovell, Frank Borman and Bill Anders were the first humans to see the far side of the moon with their very own eyes.

⇒ In December 1972, Apollo 17 was the sixth and final lunar landing mission of the Apollo program.

Space Quest 2009

The Challenger Learning Center is currently gearing up for its eighth year of summer camps. Known as Space Quest 2009, this year's summer camps will offer a wide variety of options in length, age level and interest area. We will have our always popular one-day camps for students rising into 2nd-4th grades called Mission Specialist I and II. We will also offer a CSI camp where students try to find the missing Mars

rocks and a Mission to Mars camp in which campers build a life size colony. Robotics Camp will be offered for students entering 5th-8th grades in which campers will build a variety of different robots. Students entering 5th-8th grades can attend Rocket Camp where they will build and launch five different kinds of rockets. **New this year is a 2- hour Astrotot Camp for students entering KDG-1st grades.



Space Quest 2009 registration has begun and camps are filling up quickly, so get your camp forms in early to guarantee a spot for your child. Visit our website at www.clcpaducah.org for prices, descriptions and dates. Registration forms can also be printed from the website and then mailed or faxed to the Center.

Support Opportunities

The Challenger Learning Center is looking for individuals and businesses who are interested in helping promote the importance of science and math education in our region.

Please contact Mellisa Duncan, Center Director, at (270) 534-3097 for more information on how you can support our future scientists and engineers.

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